



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**  
Norio INOMATA et al.

**Examiner:** Michael L. Borin, Ph.D.

**Application No.:** 09/171,928

**Group Art Unit:** 1631

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**Title:** PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT OF HEART DISEASE  
BASED ON CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 28, 2006, Applicants submit herewith an Amendment and Reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time and the associated fee, extending the period of response until February 28, 2007.

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